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Mr. MCCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2172]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 2172) for the relief of Mieko Takamine, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant a waiver of the racial barrier to admission into the United States on behalf of a half-Japanese child adopted by Cpl. Joseph A. Gruber, a citizen of the United States. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor childern of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Japan on July 27, 1949. The mother of the child subsequently married Cpl. Joseph A. Gruber on July 5, 1951. Mrs. Gruber is eligible for admission into the United States under the provisions of Public Law 717 of the Eighty-first Congress, as amended by Public Law 6 of the Eighty-second Congress.

Senator Alexander Wiley, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

SEPTEMBER 18, 1951.

Hon. ALEXANDER WILEY,
United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR WILEY: I am a resident of Washington County, Wis., now serving with the United States Army on Okinawa. On July 5, 1951, with consent of this command, I married Taeko Takamine, a Ryukyuan national, and intend to take her to the United States under the provisions of Public Law 6. She gave

birth to a daughter on July 27, 1949, prior to our marriage, and I am not the father of this child. On July 20, 1951 I adopted the child in accordance with local law, but now find that this child, Mieko Takamine is not eligible to enter the United States, either as my adopted daughter or with her mother under Public Law 6. I understand that the only way in which the child can be made eligible for entry is by a private law for that purpose. Since it would be inhuman and unjust for our family to be broken up and since I must return to the United States upon completion of my tour of duty here, I am appealing to you for assistance in obtaining passage of a private law to allow our family to be together in the United States.

I am writing to you because I do not know the name of the Representative in Congress from my district. I am enclosing copies of my marriage and adoption papers.

I would gratefully appreciate anything you might be able to do for me in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH A. GRUBER,
Corporal in the United States Army.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF NAHA-SHI, OKINAWA SHIMA

I, Heisui Kadena, acting assistant mayor of Naha-shi, Okinawa Shima, do hereby certify that Mieko Takamine, born at Koza Central Hospital, Okinawa, July 27, 1949, and now residing at L-han, Gima-ku, Takashio, Yomitan-son, Okinawa Shima, was adopted by Joseph A. Gruber and Taeko Gruber (nee Takamine), Joseph A. Gruber, a citizen of the United States of America, born at West Bend, Wis., and now residing at Five Hundred and Twenty-sixth Engineer Maintenance Detachment, APO 331, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., on this 20th day of July 1951.

The parties signed in my presence the notification of adoption required by article 848 of the Civil Code, which was witnessed by Amy H. Yoshihiro and Eleanor Barkley. The above-mentioned notification was filed and accepted by me, and the original of the same is in the archives of the Naha-shi Office, Naha-shi, Okinawa Shima.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at Naha-shi, Okinawa Shima, this 20th day of July 1951.

[SEAL] HEISUI KADENA,
Acting Assistant Mayor of Naha-shi, Okinawa Shima.

Witness: Amy H. Yoshihiro.
Witness: Eleanor Barkley (Mrs.).

CERTIFICATE

UNITED STATES CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR

This is to certify that I have this day witnessed the adoption of Mieko Takamine by Joseph A. Gruber and Taeko Gruber (nee Takamine) performed in accordance with local law, as provided by article 848 of the Japanese Civil Code. Dated this 20th day of July 1951.

WILLIAM H. MARTIN,
Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) United States Army,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

WITH THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Ryukyus Command, Okinawa, APO 719, ss:

On this 20th day of July, 1951, before me personally appeared Joseph A. Gruber and Taeko Gruber (nee Takamine), husband and wife, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they did acknowledge to me that each did, for himself and herself, execute the same freely and voluntarily for the purpose therein expressed. I certify that Joseph

A. Gruber is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the United States of America and that Taeko Gruber (nee Takamine) is a citizen of the Ryukyu Islands, and that I am a commissioned officer of the rank, branch, and activity indicated. I have no seal of office.

WILLIAM H. MARTIN,
Warrant Officer (junior grade) United States Army,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE IN OKINAWA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, NAHA CITY, OKINAWA

I, Heisui Kadena, acting assistant mayor of Naha City, Okinawa, do hereby certify that Joseph A. Gruber, a citizen of the United States, age 19, born in West Bend, Wis., and now residing in Okinawa and Taeko Takamine, a citizen of the Ryukyus, age 23, born in Yomitan-son, Okinawa, and now residing in Okinawa were united in marriage at Haha City Office this 5th day of July, 1951.

The parties signed in my presence the notification of marriage required by article 775 of the Civil Code, which was witnessed by Guilermo Quesada and Tomiko Tamashiro.

The above-mentioned notification was filed with and accepted by me, and the original of the same is in the archives of the Naha City Office, Naha City, Okinawa.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at Naha City, Okinawa this 5th day of July, 1951.

[SEAL] (Signed) H. KADENA
(Typed) HEISUI KADENA,
Mayor of Naha City, Okinawa.

Witness: (Signed) GUILERMO QUESADA.
(Typed) GUILERMO QUESADA.

Witness: (Signed) TAMASHIRO TOMI (Japanese).
(Typed) TOMIKO TAMASHIRO.

A certified true copy: NORMAN A. HANSON,
First Lieutenant Infantry,
Summary Court Officer.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 2172) should be enacted.

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